

BRAINSTORMS With Ferris Cox

AROUND ALABAMA RUBY

Our prediction last week that the excitement over training Navy pilots at Ft. Rucker was all over apparently is a bit premature. After the committee ruled by Sikes and his friends killed the idea, Alabama congressmen managed to get the whole House to add it as an amendment. It seems they appealed to the great endorsement this was a saving idea and it worked. If I understand it correctly, all that is needed now is for the President to sign the military appropriations bill and it will become law.

City politics are picking up some with fifteen people now qualified to run for office in August. There are five people lined up to run for one council seat, four for another and the countdown goes three, two, one on the other council seats. Councilman Charles Ellis was still unopposed even though there were rumors that some would try to run. The other races into the one. Several other people are talking of getting into the races but until they sign that dotted line, if it is a dot they can't be elected.

One woman in the community, Mrs. Roma Grimes, proved the rumors to be correct when she qualified last Friday afternoon. Another woman that was considered to be a strong candidate was not going to run, Mrs. Dixie Davis said that since she would be on the road with her husband much of the time, she was not going to run for the council as she had planned. Other women have been mentioned but at press time they aren't yet qualified.

Perry Funder finally got approval to spend two weeks at Camp AASC in Elba. This camp is designed for a few people at the time to enjoy the outdoors. The camp is only for people who are having trouble in one way or another and need special care and/or facilities. Perry is on the road to recovery from a severe bout with encephalitis.

A number of cars have been placed in drug businesses for people to donate to the Perry Funder Fund. The family works and tries to pay its bills and this basic desire that built America also makes them ineligible for government help. Mrs. Shirley Wise is doing the leg work with the cars and also will a place to give away a CR radio. The family expenses have been high to date and the cars will help. The cars are being sold up to dollars and are a great help to a family with the drug bills the Funder family has accumulated in the past year. Shirley didn't ask for any help, but if anyone feels so inclined, I am sure a little help would be welcomed - just give her a call.



Truck Driving Team

DAVE AND HUGH DAVIS are shown preparing to leave for Kentucky on their first coast trip. Hugh owns his own rig and leases to a truck line. Hugh is a newly-licensed operator having recently completed truck driver's schooling in Chipley, FL. He will be serving as co-driver on the 18-wheeler allowing the Davises to double the mileage they log.

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Water & Electric Board - 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Weigh Watchers new meeting place - Courthouse Court Room at 7:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

The HRDC Office on Putman Street invites participation in the ceramic & sewing classes each Wednesday afternoon.

If you've spent your life in a political atmosphere, you keep attuned to what folks are thinking. But once in a blue moon, folks reactions will flabbergast you.

Several weeks ago I wrote a column going with my son, Cornelius, to Martha Mitchell's funeral. I mentioned that Cornelius was the only family member there. I mentioned that she first called for Nixon's resignation, and she was present right through the final tragic end. Well, not Cornelius and I was proud of her for standing up and being counted as Martha's friend.

Would you believe hundreds of folks around the nation felt the same way? The letters were all the same: thank you for your voice of truth.

The letters expressed great admiration for Martha. Many of them said she was a lone voice of truth. The letters were touching. And we all were grateful to Cornelius for all one letter did.

I represented the one who loved and admired Martha. Besides those who were there, there were others who had the same sentiments as the same Cornellius sent copies of the letter to me. Many of them, too, were touching tribute to his mother's memory.

As mentioned in this column, when Martha was last here, I mentioned that she was here. Last week I saw a friend who met Martha at that time and had a long talk with her.

I wonder, he mused, what ever became of the tape Martha told me she had. What was it? So, my friend explained that while chatting with Martha (remember, Watergate agents were still in town), he expressed concern for her safety. Surely there were those who were worried about her safety. She, too, was worried about Martha, he said, told him that she put all she knew about political dirt on the tape. It had to be opened in the event of her death. "And that's my insurance. That's my safe."

Now, so where is that tape? Why hasn't it appeared? Why hasn't it been found? Why hasn't it been recovered? I don't know if it is because the tape was still in town, or made reservations to leave. That may be the reason. I am sure that the press conference to announce formally his retirement as a legislator at the point the last remain in Secret Service agents called on his little radio station to shift Leader.

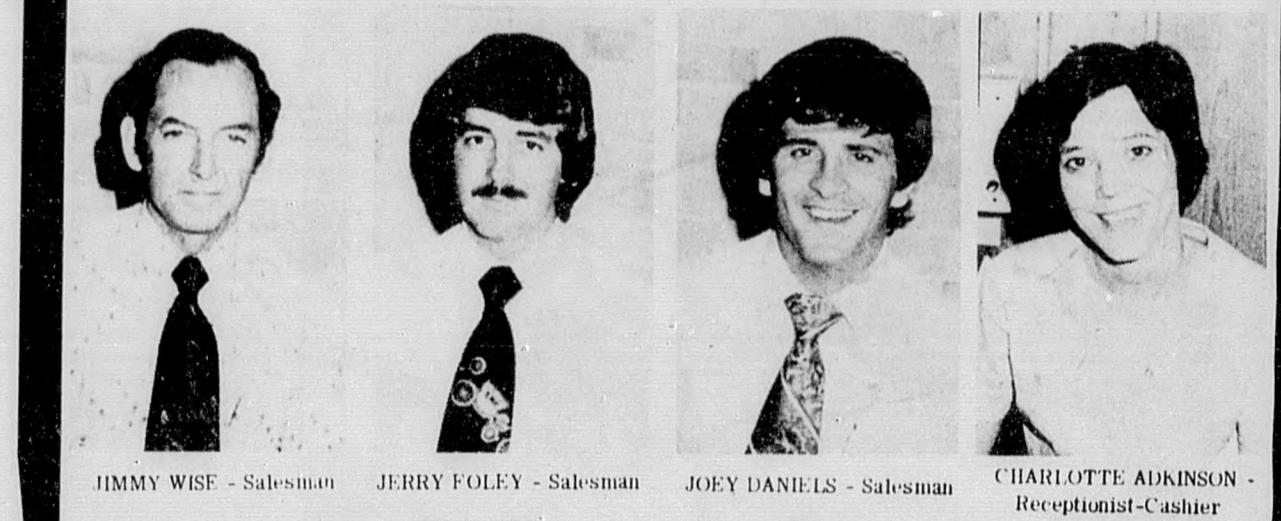
What's the funny thing is, the Secret Service left town, but the only ones with little walkie-talkies. So, this final link of a reporter's dream, if it went like this. This is Agent 3000 reporting to Lead Agent 3000. All assignments are now completed. "Dinastur is extinct."

So, whose to begrave the secret service their little fun and games. But, to think that it is possible that the tape could have specified that the tape made public only in the event of her death. "And that's my safe."

Is someone, someone, concealing that tape? Knowing Martha's passion for sharing secrets, he said, that the tape, if it exists, will surface, as a sort of post-

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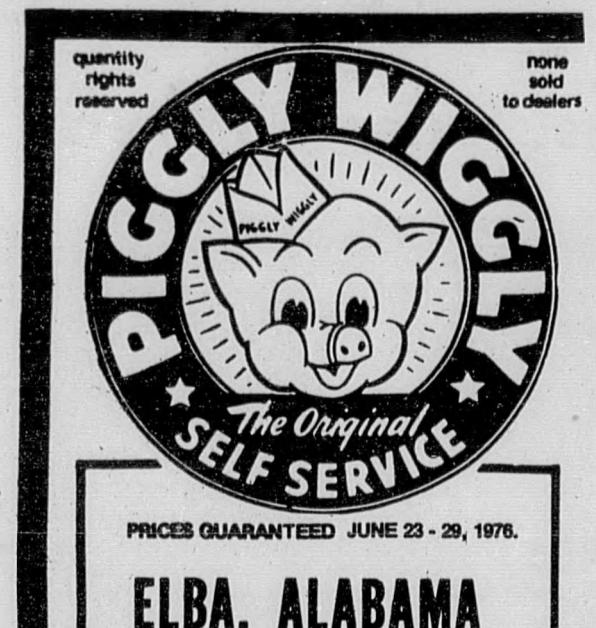
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Miss Cynthia Stokes marks the third generation of daughters who attended Troy State and received teaching certificates. Her mother, Mrs. Bill Stokes, graduated when the school was Troy State Normal School, and mother, the late Mrs. Dave Vaughan, when it was Troy Normal School and now Miss Stokes does it is Troy State University.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson W. Stokes, graduated from TSU on June 18, 1976, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and French. While attending Troy State, she was listed in the quarters on the Dean's List, and she became a member of the following organizations: Sigma Tau, National Education, Gamma Beta Phi National English Honor Society, Kappa Delta Pi National Honor Society.

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Hughes, Jones To Wed



Mr. and Mrs. Shelley Hughes of Montgomery, announce the engagement of their daughter, Beverly Ann, to Charles Oscar Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Jones, of Troy.

Miss Hughes is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Hughes, Mrs. Lena Holloway and the late Mr. William Franklin Jones, of Elba. She is a graduate of Sidney Lanier High School and attended Troy State University where she was a member of Sigma Alpha Iota. She is presently employed by Jackson Hospital and Company.

Mr. Jones is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Oscar Jones of Pike County, Mr. and Mrs. McArchie McArchie. He is a graduate of Troy State University and received his Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from Troy State University. He is a member of the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia and Kappa Kappa Psi honorary bands from 1974-1975.

The wedding will be August 7 in St. Martin's Catholic Church in Troy.

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Kyle Padgett Has 1st Birthday

Kyle Padgett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Padgett, celebrated his first birthday, Friday, June 18th, with a party on the grounds of Kyle's home, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Jones, Enterprise; and Mrs. O. A. Padgett, the late Mr. O. A. Padgett.

The festive occasion was decorated in keeping with patriotic colors, red, white and blue. Tissue balls, balloons and crepe paper hanging in the trees decorated the grounds. The party table was draped with a patriotic table cloth with matching plates and napkins. A large cake of American eagle standing on a red, white and blue tissue base served as a centerpiece. Nuts and candies were served. Guests and glasses bearing the American flag.

Kyle's two-tiered birthday cake, white with red and blue stripes and stars, the rectangular sheath cake was topped with a star-shaped cake holding a single blue candle.

After the cake was cut and refreshments were served, the young guests were asked to open some of his young friends in opening his gifts. A gift which highlighted the occasion was a patriotic quilt which was pieced and quilted by his maternal grandmother.

Friends attending the party included Mrs. Wayne Brown, Rosie Jackson, Linda Jackson, Mrs. Mae Jackson, Vera Mae Jackson, Gladys Carr, Callie Carr, Bert Wilkes, Irene Wilkes, Sue Belle, Ruth White, Lena Belle Henderson, Annie Lou Rugg and Len Bell Rugg.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Paulk, Jerilyn, Julie and Jansen of Parker visited Mrs. Jerry Paulk, Mrs. A. Ziegler and other relatives here this past week.

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Everyone will be glad to

note that Mrs. Nadine Scarborough is doing well and recovering rapidly from her recent surgery.

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SECRET SERVICE

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article was taken from the TAMPA TRIBUNE
Written by:
JIM SELMAN, Assistant Sports Editor

Larry Parrish says he might as well have worn a mask because for a long time his being a major league baseball player was one of the best secrets in Florida.

Parrish was such an unknown - he admits - that last winter he went fishing with another fisherman from Haines City who didn't know he was a leper.

Haines City isn't such a big place that people don't know much that is going on around there.

Larry Parrish grew up in Haines City, played football and basked in the sun. He quietly developed into the third baseman of the Monarchs.

Baseball's All Star ballots now out, list him as a candidate for National League's 11 Star Third Baseman.

Parrish is used to anonymity, but it's something that he is about to change.

"Not too many secrets come around Haines City," Parrish said. "When I played, high school ball, David Bowden was playing at Kathleen. Now everyone knew him and had heard of me."

Parrish got no offers from the pros or colleges when he finished school. But his coach, Fred Conley, who played baseball at Furman, got Seminole Junior College interested and Seminole signed him.

Parrish was a catcher at Haines City and an outfielder at Seminole.

Within a year, "the scouts were coming around," Parrish said. "I guess I could have signed with anybody."

SKIPPED TRIPLE-A

He decided on the Expos, he said, because he thought it provided him a better chance of advancement. Zack Taylor signed him.

The Expos soon converted Parrish to third base. There was no one in the organization figuring to make it at third and Parrish, with a strong arm, looked like a hot prospect.

He hit .268 for Jamestown, N.Y., in Class A ball in 1972 and .293 for West Palm Beach in the Class F Florida State League. In '73, By the time he hit .281 in AA ball at Quebec in 1974, the path was clear.

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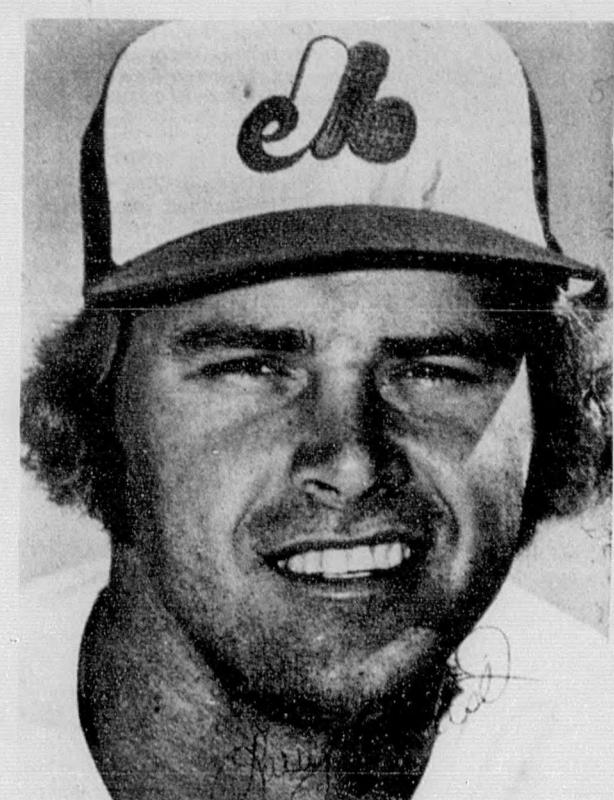
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Parrish's rewards were a tie for third in the National League Rookie of the Year balloting and the third base position on the Topps National League All-Rookie Team.

A COLD PLACE TO PLAY

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Maybe Montreal's cold weather is to blame. It's a cold place for a Florida Cracker to be playing baseball. "It has been a lot colder than this time last year," Parrish said.



All Stars To Be Named

Babe Ruth and Dixie Youth All Stars Will Be Announced Thursday Night, June 24th.

Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo

July 16-18

The 44th annual Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo will be held July 16, 17, and 18 at Dauphin Island.

More than 1500 fishermen from along the Gulf Coast and from throughout the United States are expected to vie for \$10,000, a treasure chest of prizes valued at \$18,000 and the chance to break one of the three world records.

There are 23 fish categories for the three day salt water fishing competition over a wide area of the Gulf from just south of New Orleans to just south of Apalachicola, Florida. The rodeo offers a great chance to catch record-breaking fish.

The 1976 Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo, said, "Fishermen can participate from bridges, piers, boats, from the shore and jetties, as well as from small and large boats. The only requirements are that the fish be caught in the Rodeo and that they have a ticket entitling them to fish."

"If you get a bone bruise, it stays sore for a long time," "It's a pretty good town for a single man," he said. You ready what he means, Girls.

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Dorsey Reds Stretch Lead In Softball

By: Mike Capps

In men's softball action the Dorsey Reds opened up a two game lead over Wises with three wins.

Dorsey Reds record now stands at 15-2, Wises 13-4.

Nasco II-6, Windham 5-8, Dorsey 12, Pines 7-1, Karpet Kars 5-12, Pines 10-4, Karpet Kars 11-13, and Woodland Grove 4-13.

In Wednesday's action the Reds expected for nine runs in the sixth inning to beat Wises 17-7. Mickey Marland and Hanes Bullard led the offense with three hits each. Wayne Flowers led the long with three hits.

Friday night's game was a battle of attack with offensive action in opening game action. The Dorsey Reds pounded out 18 hits to beat the Wises 16-10. Karpet Kars Eddie Kelley had

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Heath Bullard also collected three hits for the winners while Doug Lee had two hits for the losers.

Windham used a staunch defense and timely hitting to defeat Wises 17-10. In the ninth second game Max Farris went three for four with Woodland Grove 1-3.

In Monday's third game Max Farris and Hanes Bullard were tied for the leaders.

Dorsey Blue outscored Pines in the third game to a 10-2 lead after three innings but had to scramble for runs in the ninth. Hanes Bullard and Keith Fuller had three hits each. Wayne Flowers led the Blue with four hits. Four Peacock players had two hits apiece.

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TOP PHOTO: Brooks of Durham, N.C., with his wife, Gene Streetman, is shown holding a larger rattler killed in downtown Elba last week. The snake was killed and will be mounted building now under construction for Johnson's OK Tire Store.

"Did you ever think that people are like trying to read a newspaper in a high wind?"

BOTTOM PHOTO: James DeVane, normally a brook fisherman, decided several weeks ago to try his hand at bass fishing. This is the end result which was caught in a private pond.

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Monday night's opener saw Dorsey Red dump Woodland Grove 17-7. The Red's scored an even more to claim their easy victory. Eddie Kelley led the winners with four hits while Max Farris had three. Hanes Bullard led Woodland Grove with three hits.

In Monday's third game Max Farris and Hanes Bullard were tied for the leaders.

Dorsey Blue outscored Pines in the third game to a 10-2 lead after three innings but had to scramble for runs in the ninth. Hanes Bullard and Keith Fuller had three hits each. Wayne Flowers led the Blue with four hits. Four Peacock players had two hits apiece.

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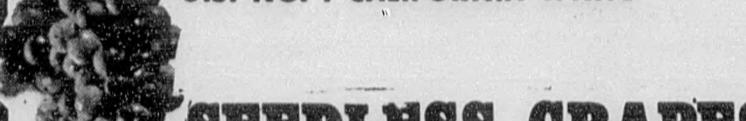
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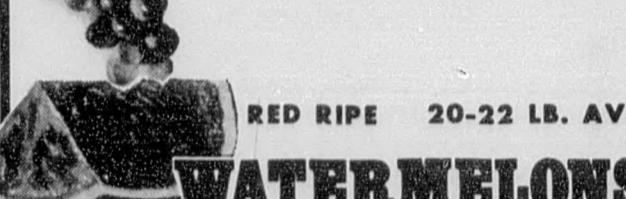
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